
From: Han, Linda (DPH)
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2009 4:01 PM
To: Caloggero, Dina (DPH); Smole, Sandra (DPH); Szymczak, Elizabeth (DPH); Nassif, Julianne (DPH); Gilchrist, Mary (DPH); Peppe, Joseph (DPH); Bertrand, Thomas (DPH); Hsu, Katherine (DPH); Cranston, Kevin (DPH); DeMaria, Alfred (DPH); Dumas, Bill (DPH); Werner, Barbara (DPH); Nawn, Kathleen (DPH); 'Borne, Alan (DPH)'; DiNatale, Margaret (DPH); Boyd, Rozelta (DPH); Belanger, Peter (DPH); Kazianis, Arthur (DPH); Liu, Donghui (DPH); Crowell, Danielle (DPH); Noonan, Corrie (DPH); Pham, Hang (DPH); Borne, Paul (DPH); Draper, Timothy (DPH); Ahern, Maureen (DPH); Chin, TakWah (DPH); Padilla, Rita (DPH); Glover, Holly (DPH); Hankerson, Jacqueline (DPH); Lungelow, Rita (DPH); Phillips, Charlene (DPH); Zanolli, Janice (DPH); Cormier, Carol (EHS); Borne, Deborah (DPH); Condon, Cynthia (DPH); Conley, Caryn (DPH); Thaice, Charleen (DPH); Ivester, Taryn (DPH); Fausett, Gary (DPH)
Subject: changes affecting Microbiology Division

Hi all:

Please be advised of the following changes affecting the SLI Microbiology Division, effective February 17, 2009:

First, responsibility for gonorrhea culture will be transferred from the STD lab to the Reference lab. Gonorrhea culture, along with other non-enteric conventional microbiologic tests, will be grouped together under the supervision of Peter Belanger, supervisor of the Reference lab. This will concentrate microbiologic testing and expertise in one area, and will allow for greater efficiencies in terms of lab supplies, equipment, and personnel.

Second, Arthur Kazianis, currently the supervisor of the HIV/Hepatitis laboratories, will also assume responsibility for the overall operations of the STD laboratory program (as previously held by Alan Borne). In his new role as supervisor of the HIV/Hepatitis and STD laboratories, Arthur will be able to oversee and coordinate a growing number of activities and projects that are shared by both laboratory programs, and furthermore, will be able to draw upon the strengths of both programs for their mutual benefit and for the benefit of clinical and public health partners.

I'm looking forward to the improvements that these changes will bring. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Linda

Linda Han, MD, MPH
Director, Division of Microbiology
State Laboratory Institute
Massachusetts Department of Public Health
305 South St.
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
(617) 983-4362 (phone)
(617) 983-6618 (fax)